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tendred to His Majestie, Febr. 1.

AND HIS
MAJESTIES
GRACIOUS ANSWER
And PROPOSITIONS,
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TO THE PROPOSITIONS

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WE Your Majesties most humble and faith-
full Subjects, the Lords and Commons in
Parliament Assembled, having in our
thoughts the glory of God, Your Majesties
Honour, and the prosperity of Your Peo-

ple; and being most grievously afflicted with the pressing mis-
eries and calamities which have overwhelmed Your two King-
doms of England and Ireland, since Your Majestie hath by the
persuasion of evil Councillors withdrawn Your selfe from Your
Parliament, raised an Army against it, and by force thereof
protected Delinquents from the Justice of it, and constraining
us to take Arms for the defence of our Religion, Laws, Liber-
ties and Priviledges of Parliament, and for the sitting of the
Parliament in safety; which Fears and Dangers are conti-
nued and increased by the raising, drawing together, and ar-
ming of great numbers of Papists under the Command of the
Earl of Newcastle, likewise by making the Lord Herbert of
Ragland, and other known Papists, Commanders of great Hor-
ces, whereby many grievous Oppressions, Rapines, and Cruelties
have bin and are dayly exercised upon the Persons and Estates
of Your People, Much innocent blood hath been spilt, and the
Papists have attained means of attempting, with hopes of ef-
fecting their mischievous designe of rooting out the Reformed
Religion, and destroying the Professors thereof.

In the tender sence and compassion of these Evils under
which the People and Kingdom lye, according to the Duty
which we owe to God, Your Majesty, and the Kingdom, for which
we are trusted, Do most earnestly desire that an end may be put
to these great Distempers and Distractions, for the preventing
that Desolation which doth threaten all Your Majesties Do-

minions, and as we have rendred, and still are ready to render to Your Majesty, that Subjection, Obedience, and Service, which we owe unto You; So we most humbly beseech Your Majesty to remove the Causes of this war, and to vouchsafe us that Peace and Protection which we and our Ancestors have formerly enjoyed under Your Majesty and Your Royall Predecessors, and graciously to accept and grant these our most humble Desires and Propositions.

I.

THat Your Majesty will be pleased to disband Your Armies, as we likewise shall be ready to disband all those Forces which we have raised; and that you will be pleased to return to Your Parliament.

II.

That You will leave Delinquents to a Legall Tryall, and Judgement of Parliament.

III.

That the Papists may not onely be disbanded, but disarmed according to Law.

IV.

That Your Majesty will be pleased to give Your Royall assent unto the Bill for taking away Superstitious Innovations; To the Bill against scandalous Ministers; To the Bill against Pluralities; To the Bill for the utter abolishing and taking away of all Archbishops, Bishops, their Chancellors and Commissaries, Deans, Sub-Deans, Deans and Chapters, Arch-Deacons, Canons and Prebendaries, and all Chantors, Chancellors, Treasurers, Sub-Treasurers, Succentors and Sacrists, And all Vicars, Chorall and Choristers, Old Vicars and New Vicars of any Cathedrall or Collegiate Church, and all other their under-Officers out of the Church of England. And to the Bill for Consultation to be had with godly, religious

religious, and learned Divines; That Your Majestie will be pleased to promise to passe such other good Bills for settling of Church-Government, as upon Consultation with the Assembly of the said Divines shall be resolved on by both Houses of Parliament, and by them be presented to Your Majestie.

V.

That Your Majesty having expres'd in Your Answer to the Nineteen Propositions of both Houses of Parliament, a hearty Affection and Intention for the rooting out of Popery out of this Kingdom. And that if both the Houses of Parliament can yet find a more effectuall course to disable Jesuits, Priests, and Popish Recusants from disturbing the State or eluding the Laws, that you would willingly give your consent unto it.

That You would be graciously pleased, for the better discovery and speedier conviction of Recusants, that an oath may be established by Act of Parliament, to be administered in such manner as by both Houses shall be agreed on, wherein they shall abjure and renounce the Popes Supremacie, the Doctrine of Transubstantiation, Purgatory, Worshipping of the consecrated Host; crucifixes and images; and the refusing of the said oath being tendered in such manner as shall be appointed by Act of Parliament, shall be a sufficient conviction in law of Recusancie.

And that Your Majestie will be Graciously pleased to give Your Royall Assent unto a Bill, for the education of the Children of Papists, by Protestants, in the Protestant Religion.

That for the more effectuall execution of the Laws against Popish Recusants, Your Majesty would be pleased to consent to a Bill for the true levying of the Penalties

nalties against them, and that the same Penalties may be leaved and disposed of in such manner as both Houses of Parliament shall agree on, so as Your Majesty be at no losse: And likewise to a Bill whereby the practises of Papists against the State may be prevented, and the Laws against them duely executed.

V I.

That the Earl of *Bristol* be removed from Your Majesties Councils, and that both he and the Lord *Marbary* eldest Son to the Earl of *Worcester*, may likewise be restrained from coming within the Verge of the Court, and that they may not bear any Office, or have any employments concerning the State or Common-wealth.

V I I.

That Your Majesty would be graciously pleased by Act of Parliament to settle the *Militia* both by Sea and Land, and for the Forts and Ports of the Kingdom, in such manner as shall be agreed on by both Houses.

V I I I.

That Your Majesty will be pleased by Your Letters Patents, to make Sir *John Brampton* Chiefe Justice of Your Court of Kings Bench, *William Lenthall* Esquire, the now Speaker of the Commons House Master of the Rolls, and to continue the Lord Chiefe Justice *Barker*, Chiefe Justice of the Court of Common Pleas, and likewise to make Master Serjeant *Wilde*, Chief Baron of Your Court of the Exchequer, and that Master Justice *Bacon* may be continued, and Master Serjeant *Rolls*, and Master Serjeant *Atkins* made Justices of the King Bench; that Master Justice *Reeve*, and Master Justice *Forster* may be continued, Serjeant *Phrafaus* made one of Your Judges of Your Court of Common Pleas; That Mr. Serjeant *Creswell*, Mr. *Samuel Brown*, and Mr. *John Paleston* may be Barons of the

the Exchequer, and that all these and all the Judges of the same Courts for the times to come, may hold their places by Letters Patents under the great Seale, *Quamdiu se bene Gesserint*, and that the severall persons not before named, that do now hold any of these places before mentioned, may be removed.

IX.

That all such persons as have been put out of the Commissions of peace, or of Oyer and Terminer, or from being *Custodes Rotulorum* since the first day of April, 1642. (other then such as were put out by the desire of both or either Houses of Parliament) may again be put into those Commissions and Offices, and that such persons may be put out of those Commissions and Offices as shall be excepted against by both Houses of Parliament.

X.

That your Majesty will be pleased to passe the Bill now presented to your Majesty, to vindicate and secure the Priviledge of Parliament, from the ill consequence of the late president in the charge and proceedings against the Lord *Kimbolton* now Earle of Manchester, and the five Members of the House of Commons.

X I.

That your Majesties Royall assent may be given unto such Acts as shall be advised by both Houses of Parliament, for the satisfying and paying of the debts and damages wherein the two Houses of Parliament have engaged the Publike Faith of the Kingdome.

X I I.

That your Majesty will be pleased according to a gracious Answer heretofore received from you, to enter into a more strict Alliance with the States of the United Provinces and other neighbour Princes, and States of the

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Protestant Religion, for the defence and maintenance thereof, against all Designs and Attempts of the Popish and Jesuiticall Faction to subvert and suppress it, whereby Your Subjects may hope to be free from the mischiefs which this Kingdome hath endured through the power which some of that party have had in your Counsells, and will be much encouraged in a Parliamentary way, for Your aid and assistance in restoring Your Royall Sister and Prince Elector to those Dignities and Dominions which belong unto them, and relieving the other Protestant Princes, who have suffered in the same Cause.

XII.

That in the generall Pardon which Your Majestie hath been pleased to offer to Your Subjects, all Offences and Misdemeanours committed before the 10. of Jan. 1641. which have been or shall be questioned, or proceeded against in Parliament upon complaint in the House of Commons, before the 10. of Jan. 1643. shall be excepted, which Offences and Misdemeanours shall nevertheless be taken and adjudged to be fully discharged, against all other inferiour Courts.

That likewise there shall be an exception of all offences committed by any person or persons, which hath or have had any hand or practise in the Rebellion of Ireland, which hath or have given any counsell, assistance, or encouragement, to the Rebels there for the maintenance of that Rebellion, as likewise an exception of William Earle of Newcastle, and George Lord Digby.

XIII.

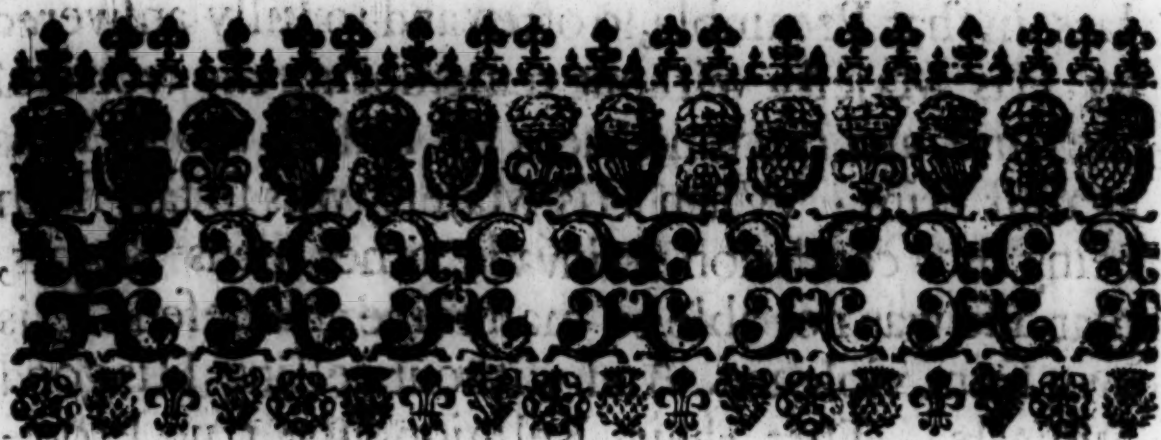
That Your Majesty will be pleased to restore such Members of either House of Parliament to their severall places of service and employment, out of which they have been

been put since the beginning of this Parliament, that they may receive satisfaction and reparation for those places, and for the profits which they have lost by such removall, upon the Petition of both Houses of Parliament: And that all others may be restored to their Offices and Employments, who have bin put out of the same upon any displeasure conceived against them, for any assistance given to both Houses of Parliament, or obeying their Commands, or forbearing to leave their Attendance upon the Parliament without License, or for any other occasion arising from these unhappy differences betwixt Your Majesty and both Houses of Parliament, upon the like Petition of both Houses.

These things being granted and performed, as it hath alwayes been our heartie prayers, so shall we be enabled to make it our hopefull endeavour, That Your Majesty and Your people may enjoy the blessings of Peace, Truth, and Justice, The Royalty and Greatnesse of Your Throne may be supported by Your loyall and bountifull Affections of Your People, Their Liberties and Priviledges maintained by Your Majesties Protection and Justice, And this publike Honour and Happinesse of Your Majesty and all Your Dominions, communicated to other Churches and States of Your Alliance, and derived to Your Royall Posterity, and the future Generations of this Kingdome for ever.

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His MAJESTIES Answer.

IF His Majesty had not given up all
 the Faculties of His Soule to an
 earnest endeavour of a Peace and
 Reconciliation with His People,
 Or, if He would suffer Himselfe
 by any provocation to be drawne
 to a sharpnesse of Language, at a
 time when there seems somewhat like an Overture
 of Accommodation, He could not but resent the
 heavy charges upon Him in the Preamble of these
 Propositions, and would not suffer Himselfe to be
 reproached with protecting of Delinquents by
 force from Justice (His Majesties desire having al-
 wayes been, That all Men should be tryed by the
 known Law, and having been refused it) with rai-
 sing an Army against His Parliament: And to be
 told, That Arms have been taken up against Him
 for the defence of Religion, Laws, Liberties, Pri-
 viledges of Parliament; And for the sitting of
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the Parliament in safety, with many other particulars in that Preamble, so often and so fully answered by His Majesty without remembring the world of the time, and circumstances of raising those Arms against Him: When His Majesty was so far from being in a condition to invade other mens Rights, that He was not able to maintaine and defend His own from violence. And without telling His good Subjects, That their Religion (the true Protestant Religion in which His Majesty was born, hath faithfully lived, and to which He will dye a willing Sacrifice) their Laws, Liberties, Priviledges, and safety of Parliament, were so amply settled and established, or offered to be so by His Majesty, before any Army was raised against Him, and long before any raised by Him for His defence, That if nothing had been directed, but that Peace and Protection which His Subjects, and their Ancestors had in the best times enjoyed under His Majesty, or His Royall Predecessors, this misunderstanding and distance between His Majesty and His People; and this generall misery and distraction upon the Face of the whole Kingdom had not been now the Discourse of Christendom; But His Majesty will forbear any expressions of bitterness, or of a sense of His own sufferings, That if it be possible the memory thereof may be lost to the World; And therefore though many of the Propositions presented to His Majesty by both House appear to Him very derogatory from, and destructive to His Just Power and Prerogative, and

no way beneficial to His Subjects; few of them being already due unto them by the Laws established (And how unparliamentary it is by Arms to require new Laws, all the world may judge) yet (because these may be waded, or mollified, and many things that are now dark, or doubtful in them, cleared and explained upon debate) His Majesty is pleased (such is His sense of the miseries this Kingdom suffers by this unnaturall Warre, and His earnest desire to remove them by a happy peace) That at speedy time and place be agreed upon for the meeting of such Persons as His Majesty and both Houses shall appoint, to discusse these Propositions, and such others here following, as His Majestie doth propose to them.

I. **T**hat His Majesties own Revenue, Magazines, Towns, Ports, and Ships, which have been taken or kept from Him by Force, be forthwith restored unto Him.

II. That whatsoever hath been done or Published contrary to the known Laws of the Land, or derogatory to His Majesties Legall and known Power, and Rights, be renounced and recalled, that no seed may remain for the like to spring out of, for the future.

III. That whatsoever Illegal Power hath been claimed and exercised by, or over His Subjects, as Imprisoning their Persons, without Law stopping their Habeas Corpusses, and imposing upon their Estates without Act of Parliament, &c. Either by both or either Houses, or any Committee of both or either, or by any Persons appointed

pointed by any of them, be disclaimed, and all such Persons so committed forthwith discharged.

IV. That as His Majesty will readily consent (having done so heretofore) to the Execution of all Laws already made, and to any good Acts to be made for the suppressing of Popery, and for the firm settling of the Protestant Religion now established by Law; So He desires that a good Bill may be framed for the better preserving of the Book of Common Prayer, from the scorn and violence of Brownists, Anabaptists, and other Seditionaries, with such Clauses for the ease of tender Consciences as His Majesty hath formerly offered.

V. That all such Persons as upon the Treaty shall be excepted out of the generall pardon, shall be tryed per Pares, according to the usuall Course and known Laws of the Land; and that it be left to that, either to acquit or condemne them.

VI. And to the intent this Treaty may not suffer Interruption by any intervening accidents, That a Cessation of Arms, and a free trade for all His Majesties Subjects may be first agreed upon.

This Offer and desire of His Majesty, He hopes will be so cheerfully entertained, that a speedy and blessed Peace may be accomplished: If it shall be rejected, or by insisting upon unreasonable Circumstances be made impossible (which He hopes God in his mercy to this Nation, will not suffer) the guilt of the Blood which will be shed, and the desolation which must follow, will lye upon the Heads of the refusers; However His Majesty is resolved, through

through what Accidents soever, He shall be compelled to recover His Rights, and with what prosperous successes soever it shall please God to bless Him, That by his earnest constant Endeavours to Propagate and Promote the true Protestant Religion, and by His governing according to the known Laws of the Land, and upholding the just Privileges of Parliament, according to His frequent Protestations made before Almighty God, which He will alwayes inviolably observe ; the world shall see, That He hath undergone all these difficulties, and hazards, for the defence and maintenance of those ; The zealous preservation of which, His Majestie well knows, is the onely foundation and means for the true happinesse of Him and His People.



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